

## **ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to the treatment, inhibition and prevention of cancer by the administration of anti-C3b(i) antibodies. The invention also relates to the treatment, inhibition and prevention of cancer by the administration of IgM antibodies and/or  
5 complement components prior to the administration of anti-C3b(i) antibodies. The present invention further relates to the detection, imaging, diagnosis and monitoring of cancer utilizing C3b(i) specific antibodies.

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